Name of Distt. HQ.	SFMSS	SFMSS Ports	FTC/EKBC	FT/EKB	ETP	B.FAX
Pfeht		1	—	1	1	1
Rampur		2	—	1	2	1
Saharanpur		3	—	1	10	2
Total (UP West)2 Systems		62	1	33	114	44
Total UP (EAST) 3 Systems		89	17	19	137	74
Grand TOTAL 5 Systems		151	18	52	251	118

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SEMSS	Store and Forward Message Switching System
SFMSS PORT	A PC Based Terminal for Disposal of Telegrams to/from SFMSS
FTC	Formatted Terminal Concentrator
EKBC	Electronic Keyboard Concentrator
FT	Formatted Terminal
ETP	Electronic Teleprinter
B. FAX	Bureau Fax Centre

Delimitation of urban and rural areas

2247. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the BSNL is charging the rent prescribed to the urban sector from the subscribers residing in the rural areas of Kerala;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to rectify this anomaly; and

(c) whether Government are considering to review the existing unscientific delimitation of urban and rural areas in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) No, Sir. Only rural rent is being charged from rural subscribers in Kerala, as classified in the Census Report 2001.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) No, Sir. The classification made in the Census Report 2001 has been adopted by BSNL throughout the country for the purpose of charging telephone tariff.

Opening of new post offices in U.P.

f2248. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of post offices and branch post offices proposed to be opened in Uttar Pradesh during the current financial year, district-wise;

(b) the number of post offices opened in the urban and rural areas in the State during the last three years; and

(c) the necessary action taken by Government in the State for improvement of the postal services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Only one sub post office in Lucknow District has been found to be justified for opening so far in the current financial year.

(b) Year-wise details of post offices opened during the last 3 years, in urban and rural areas are given below:—

Year	Sub Post Offices		Branch Post Offices		Total
	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	
2001-2002	1	1	—	38	40
2002-2003	1	—	—	18	19
2003-2004	1	—	—	20	21

(c) The focus of the Department for improvement of postal services is on modernizing and upgrading the physical network and on induction of technology. Some of the initiatives taken in this regard include setting up Computerized Customer Care Centres and modernizing and computerizing post offices, registration sorting centres and speed post centres. Facilities have also been provided for International Money Transfer,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.